

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1.-29. Cancelled

30. (Currently Amended) A method for addressing at least one of a person or an organisation via electronic means and for sending in an electronic manner at least one e-mail message addressed accordingly, wherein the addresses of people and/or organisations are stored in a database, and wherein the addresses from the database are linked to publicly accessible data such as name, telephone numbers, fax number and/or postal codes the method comprising the steps of:

storing addresses of the people and organisations in a database;

linking the addresses from the database to publicly accessible data held by an organisation;

automatically retrieving an email address in addressing data in the database; and

sending at least a part of the message to the e-mail address retrieved by searching the publicly accessible data.

31. (Previously Presented) A method for processing and/or sending in electronic manner one or more e-mail messages which are addressed according to the method of

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claim 30 to one or more recipients.

32. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 31, further comprising one or more steps for inputting message data comprising at least one or more items of the publicly accessible data.

33. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 32, comprising one or more steps for inputting further message data such as advance notice data and/or subject data, content data, parameter data such as for instance period of validity data and/or areas of interest data.

34. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 31, further comprising one or more steps for filtering the e-mail messages.

35. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 34, wherein the filtering step comprises one or more steps for checking for the presence of viruses in the e-mail messages and optional removal thereof from the e-mail messages.

36. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 34, further comprising steps for checking on transmission permission of ~~the~~ a sender.

37. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 34, further comprising one or more steps for preventing and/or delaying spam messages.

38. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 32, further comprising steps for:

automatically retrieving an e-mail address in the addressing data; and
sending at least a part of the message to the e-mail address if this is permissible on the basis of the results of from the filtering steps.

39. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 31, further comprising steps for sending status messages relating to the message to ~~the~~ a sender.

40. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 31, further comprising steps for assisting in a manual search for an addressee in the database.

41. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 37, further comprising steps for retrieving ~~the~~ an addressee on the basis of one or more of a telephone number, a postal address or a name.

42. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 38, further comprising steps for:

automatically retrieving an e-mail address by searching according to telephone number;

automatically retrieving an e-mail address by searching according to address; and

automatically retrieving an e-mail address by searching according to another protocol, such as a social security number, DUNS, chamber of commerce number or VAT number.

43. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 30, further provided with a step for registering users by means of user profiles so that ~~they~~ the users can be addressed using the method.

44. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 43, further comprising a step for adding an exclusion list to the user profile whereby the user can determine from whom no messages may be passed ~~on to him~~ therefrom.

45. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 43, comprising a step for adding one or more of a list of friends/contacts or a commercial/private indication to the user profile.

46. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 30, further comprising a step for writing to an addressee ~~who~~ that is not a registered user of the method.

47. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 30, which is provided with steps for ringing an addressee ~~who~~ that is not a registered user of the method.

48. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 30, wherein ~~the~~ a web page of a person or organisation is addressed electronically.

49. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 30, wherein ~~the~~ messages are addressed with ~~the~~ e-mail address of ~~the~~ a recipient in a manner not visible to ~~the~~ a sender.

50. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 30, wherein name and/or telephone number form part of ~~the~~ a address.

51. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 30, wherein the database forms part of an internet site.

52. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 30, further comprising steps for searching for messages on the basis of advance notice data and/or subject data, content data, parameter data such as for instance period of validity data and/or areas of interest data.

53. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 30, further comprising steps for deleting messages which have for instance been superseded by a new version or of which the period of validity has elapsed.

54. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 30, wherein steps are further provided for securing and/or encoding the message traffic.

55. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 30, wherein steps are provided for performing matters with high security requirements, such as identification/authentication, for instance for the purpose of financial transactions such as payments, on the basis of the security and/or encoding.

56. (NEW) The method as claimed in claim 30, wherein the publicly accessible data is at least one of a social security number, a D&B DUNS number, a chamber of commerce number and a VAT number.